

## EU-HYBNET held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaps and Needs Event, #GN2023

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the EU-HYBNET consortium held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaps and Needs event in Rome, Italy, and officially kicked-off its 3<sup>rd</sup> project cycle.

Consortium and network members joined the discussion to define pan-European practitioners' and other relevant actors' (industry, academia, NGOs) gaps and needs to counter hybrid threats. The discussion revolved around three of the project's four core themes:

- Cyber and Future Technologies
- Information and Strategic Communication
- Resilient Civilians, Local Level, National Administration

with Future Trends being an overarching theme.

Participants were divided into 3 smaller groups according to the core theme of their interest to allow for active participation and discussion. During these sessions, they were able to share their experiences in the field and brainstorm on existing threats, risks and trends and consequently identify a long list of gaps and needs.

Similar to previous cycles, the results of these discussions will now be analysed by EU-HYBNET partners and used to develop a shortlist of gaps and needs that will then drive the mapping of innovations undertaken by the project in its 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle. Upcoming EU-HYBNET events will also collect stakeholders' feedback based on this assessment.

Thanks to our partners UCSC for hosting the event and Hybrid CoE for organising the discussions and methodology.

Thanks to all of our EU-HYBNET partners and network members who joined the event and help to fuel the discussion.

Gaps and Needs events are only open to the EU-HYBNET consortium and network. We welcome the feedback of additional practitioners and look forward to welcoming them into our network, among other hybrid threats stakeholders. The next Gaps and Needs event will be held in Spring 2024.



If you are interested in [joining EU-HYBNET's network](#), you can read the associated information and apply on the project's [website](#). For further information on EU-HYBNET, you can follow the project through [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).